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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - PRESIDENT OBAMA'S VISIT  
TO EUROPE AND TURKEY

11. LEAD STORIES: All Wednesday morning national dailies  
front-paged a photo released on Tuesday by a DPRK news  
agency showing Sunday's launch of what appeared to be a  
Taepodong II missile.

12. "Paramount Homework Left for President Obama" On the  
completion of President Obama's tour in Europe and  
Turkey, the liberal Tokyo Shimbun editorialized (4/8):  
"President Obama's ambitious diplomatic goals of  
abolishing nuclear weapons and holding dialogue with  
the Islamic world commanded strong attention. His  
message on these fronts received enthusiastic support  
from audiences.... The emerging momentum for U.S.  
dialogue with the Islamic world should be upheld."

13. "Obama Keen to Restore International Trust in U.S."  
A correspondent for the liberal Mainichi reported from  
Istanbul (4/8): "During his stay in Turkey, President  
Obama spoke on specific steps toward 'reconciliation  
with Muslims' and hence made it clear a new U.S.  
approach toward the Islamic world. Restoring trust in  
the U.S. among Muslims is one of the most important  
agenda items for the Obama administration. His phrase  
of 'mutual interest and mutual understanding' will be  
tested."

14. "Obama Successful in Resetting Alliance" The top-  
circulation, moderate Yomiuri stated (4/8): "It is  
certain that President Obama's 'frank' admission of  
U.S. responsibility for the global financial crisis has  
significantly altered European views toward America.  
However, it appeared that the President stopped short  
of insisting on U.S. viewpoints on some key issues,  
such as on how to restore worldwide economic growth, in  
order to avoid confrontation with the Europeans."

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